

America, or FFA, Degree, their highest honor. Kory received this award at the national FFA convention this last November. He has worked closely with his family on their farm, raising and breeding good market beef, always striving to improve production. The son of Kim and Lila Kessinger, Kory Kessinger is attending Colorado State University and studying animal science. Mr. Speaker I commend Kory for his hard work and dedication. We have much to look forward to from this fine young man. Through good efforts such as his, the youth of today are the promise of tomorrow.

REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE
MARION BERRY DECEMBER 18,
1998 TRIBUTE TO MAURICE
SMITH JR.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a good friend, Maurice Smith, a prominent farmer and banker in Birdeye, Arkansas, who passed from this world earlier this month Maurice was a great man who lived in Arkansas and provided leadership for the generations.

Maurice has had a long history in Arkansas politics. He served as highway commissioner and director of the state Highway and Transportation Department. He was also appointed to the University of Arkansas board of trustees and served as chief of staff to then-Governor Bill Clinton. But if it is one thing that Maurice Smith be remembered for, it is his leadership as the director of the state Highway Department. In 1991, under his direction, a 5-cent-a-gallon increase in the gas tax and a 2-cent-a-gallon increase in the diesel fuel tax pumped an additional \$48 million into the department's construction budget each year.

One of my favorite quotes is from former Senator Le Roy Percy of Greenville, MS. "I guess a man's job is to make the world a better place to live in, so far as he is able—always remembering the results will be infinitesimal—and to attend to his own soul." Maurice was such a man and he will be greatly missed. He was chairman of the St. Francis Levee Board. He provided support and leadership for generations of Arkansans to make the state a better place to live, work, and raise a family, with special attention to developing infrastructure.

A TRIBUTE TO STUB AND
JOSEPHINE ROBERTS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Stub and Josephine Roberts, owners and operators of Stub's Gas and Oil near Wiggins, Colorado. In business since 1949, Stub's recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of service to residents and travelers along Highway 39 and Highway 34 in Colorado. From humble beginnings as a simple gas station, Stub's has

grown to a multiple service station that includes several gas and diesel pumps, a convenience store, and even a deli. With loyal customers going back for decades, Stub's has been, and will continue to be, an institution in eastern Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, and all those who have contributed to this fine entrepreneurial business. They are true representatives of the spirit, hard work and dedication that built America as we know it.

JUDGE A. LEON HIGGINBOTHAM:
CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLAR DIES
WITH HIS BOOTS ON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly saddened to hear of the loss of Judge Leon Higginbotham this week. He was a great civil rights champion who died with his boots on, for just two weeks ago I had the honor of introducing him to the Judiciary Committee impeachment hearings, where he protested the current impeachment process in his last major appearance. Judge Higginbotham's death on December 14th was a loss not just for his wife Evelyn and his children, but for every American.

Leon Higginbotham was in every way a giant. His contribution to the law as a peerless judge and superb educator was immense. His large personality and his passionate love of justice made him a colossus of the civil rights movement. The attentive silence which marked his impeccably coherent and flawlessly logical testimony just 2 weeks ago to the Judiciary Committee reminded the nation's lawmakers, and the people, of the brilliance possessed by this giant of a man.

Leon Higginbotham's achievements have served as an inspiration to Americans of all ages. His brilliant record as a civil rights attorney led to his becoming a federal judge in 1964. His performance as one of the United States' most consistent and fair judges led to his being appointed to the US Circuit Court of appeals fourteen years later. In 1995 he was recognized by President Bill Clinton with the award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His authority and standing led South African President Nelson Mandela to seek his expertise and impartiality as a mediator in the landmark 1994 elections. Leon Higginbotham belongs to that group of exceptional people which any nation is proud to call its own.

His outspoken courage, and his passionate opposition to racism was clearly reinforced at the hearings two weeks ago. His clear condemnation of the damage that discrimination and disregard for individual civil rights does to the justice system made his magnum opus "Race and the American Legal System" one of the most important and influential legal texts in the lifetime of this Republic.

I join every American in mourning the passing of Leon Higginbotham and in saluting his living legacy. His compassion and his respect for the individual combined with his unrivalled knowledge and love of the law to making a person I am proud to say I knew. My sympathy and that of my family goes out to his family, whose loss we all share.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF
IDALIA, COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the good people of Idalia, Colorado. Their innovative fundraising through the nonprofit Idalia Foundation earned the prestigious \$25,000 Julie and Spencer Penrose Award for Colorado's most outstanding nonprofit. Through this entity, the community of one hundred raised \$1.2 million in private donations for a new community center for recreation, health care, education and meetings. Mr. Speaker, I commend the people of Idalia and the Idalia Foundation for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to overcoming obstacles. All of this had been accomplished without a town government, and most importantly, without raising any taxes? Members of Congress should take heed by the fine examples set in our backyards.

EXPRESSING UNEQUIVOCAL SUP-
PORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF
OUR ARMED FORCES CUR-
RENTLY CARRYING OUT MIS-
SIONS IN AND AROUND PERSIAN
GULF REGION

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution. I fully support the men and women of our Armed Forces who proudly serve this Nation in the Persian Gulf. I am certain that our Nation stands behind them one hundred fifty percent, and I salute them for their hard work, patriotism, and courage.

Saddam Hussein has been tolerated for far too long. We have tried to talk to him, and we have tried to reason with him, but to no avail. He continues to break promises and threaten the security of the civilized world. As that old adage goes: "Talk softly and carry a big stick." It's time to stop talking. He has terrorized too many innocent people for far too long, and he has thumbed his nose at the civilized world. He fancies himself a leader, but in reality, he is a ruffian and a thug who possesses a dangerous arsenal of lethal weapons and the will to use them for his own megalomaniac purposes. This time, we should not be there to teach a lesson. We should, once and for all, remove Saddam Hussein from Power.

I support this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

OF MICE AND BABBITT

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 18, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Nobel laureate John Steinbeck